

# MONTANA TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION



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SUBJECT: Rosebud County Property Tax Base

Rosebud County's tax base is dominated by the electrical generation facilities and their associated properties. Attached is a page from the Department of Revenue's biennial report that details the tax base in Rosebud County. Electrical Generators, Class 13, account for 66 million dollars of the 90 million dollars of taxable value in the county. The associated pollution control, Class 5, equipment adds another 5 million dollars. The total taxable value of the County is 90 million dollars.

The electrical generation facilities and pollution control make up about 79% of the tax base currently. When Colstrip units 1 and 2 are no longer part of the tax base one can assume that the value of generation equipment might fall by 20 million dollars. The pollution control values will stay about the same. The taxable value of the county will then be around 70 million dollars and the Electrical generation and pollution control equipment value will fall to about 51 million dollars or 72% of the tax base.

Mill levies will increase to maintain services but about 72% of those increases will be borne by the remaining owners of the units 3 and 4.

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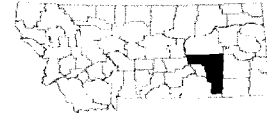
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Exhibit 2

# Property Taxes Paid By County

## Rosebud County



	TY 2013			TY 2014		
	Acres	Assessed	Taxable	Acres	Assessed	Taxable
CLASS 1 Net Proceeds		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
CLASS 2 Gross Proceeds		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
CLASS 3 Agricultural Land:						
Tillable Irrigated (2.72%, 2.63%)	31,534	\$16,265,410	\$413,150	31,661	\$16,419,052	\$405,551
Tillable Non-Irrigated (2.72%, 2.63%)	143,442	\$26,078,043	\$661,937	143,318	\$26,181,683	\$646,241
Grazing (2.72%, 2.63%)	2,170,747	\$88,824,723	\$2,211,581	2,170,254	\$93,246,597	\$2,258,633
Wild Hay (2.72%, 2.63%)	25,225	\$6,574,474	\$166,991	25,244	\$6,594,287	\$162,878
Non-Qualified Ag Land (19.04%, 18.41%)	12,978	\$740,032	\$131,591	12,739	\$758,390	\$131,137
Eligible Mining Claims (2.72%, 2.63%)	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
Class 3 Subtotal	2,383,926	\$138,482,682	\$3,585,250	2,383,216	\$143,200,009	\$3,604,440
CLASS 4 Land and Improvements:						
Residential (2.72%, 2.63%)		\$81,163,482	\$2,061,419		\$85,305,963	\$2,105,736
Residential Low Income (varies)		\$1,346,804	\$13,835		\$1,178,500	\$11,465
Mobile Homes (2.72%, 2.63%)		\$6,574,044	\$166,972		\$6,613,833	\$163,359
Mobile Homes Low Income (varies)		\$86,714	\$796		\$62,672	\$567
Commercial (2.72%, 2.63%)		\$48,724,291	\$1,237,587		\$51,651,018	\$1,275,782
Industrial (2.72%, 2.63%)		\$6,479,609	\$164,581		\$6,606,812	\$163,190
New Manufacturing (varies)		\$34,094,277	\$865,995		\$35,368,717	\$873,607
Qualified Golf Courses (1.36%, 1.32%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Remodeled Commercial (varies)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Extended Prop Tax Relief Program (Res Only)		\$0	\$0		\$36,199	\$615
Class 4 Subtotal		\$178,469,221	\$4,511,185		\$186,823,714	\$4,594,321
CLASS 5						
Rural Electric and Telephone Co-Op (3%)		\$15,706,348	\$471,190		\$15,238,176	\$457,144
Qualified New Industrial (3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Pollution Control (3%)		\$240,776,319	\$7,223,289		\$170,529,255	\$5,115,877
Gasohol Related (3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Research and Development (0%-3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Aluminum Electrolytic Equipment (3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Class 5 Subtotal		\$256,482,667	\$7,694,479		\$185,767,431	\$5,573,021
CLASS 7						
Non-Centrally Assessed Public Util. (8%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
CLASS 8						
Machinery (3%, 2% and 3%)		\$99,237,294	\$2,878,000		\$101,388,923	\$2,719,111
Farm Implements (3%, 2% and 3%)		\$13,883,024	\$277,775		\$10,417,511	\$97,978
Furniture and Fixtures (3%, 2% and 3%)		\$3,099,005	\$67,859		\$2,052,882	\$27,763
Other Business Equipment (3%, 2% and 3%)		\$18,899,468	\$527,011		\$18,393,987	\$508,977
Class 8 Subtotal		\$135,118,791	\$3,750,644		\$132,253,303	\$3,353,829
CLASS 9						
Utilities (12%)		\$41,172,280	\$4,940,661		\$39,370,500	\$4,724,455
CLASS 10						
Timber Land (0.32%, 0.31%)	43,595	\$7,656,503	\$22,974	43,595	\$7,769,788	\$22,542
CLASS 12						
Railroads (3.45%, 3.45%)		\$55,834,124	\$1,892,777		\$53,761,971	\$1,763,394
Airlines (3.45%, 3.45%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Class 12 Subtotal		\$55,834,124	\$1,892,777		\$53,761,971	\$1,763,394
CLASS 13						
Electrical Generation Property (6%)		\$1,201,619,977	\$72,097,204		\$1,105,107,711	\$66,306,463
Telecommunication Property (6%)		\$8,034,774	\$482,086		\$6,372,746	\$382,361
Elect Gen/Tele Real Prop New & Exp		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Class 13 Subtotal		\$1,209,654,751	\$72,579,290		\$1,111,480,457	\$66,688,824
CLASS 14						
Wind Generation (3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Wind Generation New & Exp (varies)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Class 14 Subtotal		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
CLASS 15						
Carbon Dioxide and Liquid Pipeline Property (3%)		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,022,871,018</b>	<b>\$98,977,260</b>		<b>\$1,860,427,173</b>	<b>\$90,324,826</b>